



Book Discussions @ Your Library

Join the adult book discussion on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the library's community room in December and January and at the Legacy Museum, 403 Monroe Street, in February in celebration of Black History Month. Registration is not required, and dessert and beverage are served when we meet at the library. For more information, call 455-6310. We hope to see you there!

December 16 – *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

January 20 – *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett (this book is Amazement Square's **Big Read** selection for 2010)

February 17 – *The A Train: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman* by Charles W. Dryden

You've Got Mail!

If you would like to receive the newsletter and other important library information by email, please contact the newsletter editor, Candice Michalik at candice.michalik@lynchburgva.gov

The library also has the capability to notify patrons via e-mail about their overdue and reserved materials. If you would like to be notified by e-mail, please ask a staff member at the Circulation Desk to update your record.



Donate Part of Your VA Tax Refund to the Friends

Virginia law allows taxpayers to donate voluntarily all or part of their state income tax refund to one or more qualified organizations. Virginia taxpayers will be able to direct a portion of their 2009 refunds to the Library Friends. Click on Individuals, then Completing Your Return, then Voluntary Contributions. The Friends' code is 209701.

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Self-Check @ your library



The Friends of the Library will purchase a self-check station that will be installed in the main library in January. Users will be able to check out their own materials simply by scanning each item's library bar code; a date due receipt prints automatically. Staff anticipates about 125 users (25%) a day will use the self-check station. The Library Friends are donating the sophisticated equipment to help staff cope with record high use and a freeze on hiring that has left the library short 3 full-time equivalent employees. Circulation Desk staff will continue to check out materials and collect fines for those who prefer.

At the Board's Strategic Planning meeting in September, a self check station was identified as the #1 need. In voting to take the entire \$17,000 cost from the Endowment Fund, the Board noted this extraordinary encroachment on the Endowment Fund principal was appropriate to meet the library's critical staffing needs. The Board also decided to use the December Endowment Fund appeal letter to request donations to help defray the self-check station's cost.

The library staff greatly appreciates the Board's support during this stressful period. Empowering users to use self-check will reduce the increasing workload on a shrinking staff.

Lynchburg Reads Adds Books for Youth



Two books have been selected to complement the **Lynchburg Reads 2010** book *God Grew Tired of Us* by John Bul Dau. The companion books for youth are *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate for teen readers, and *My Name is Sangoel* by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed for upper elementary readers.

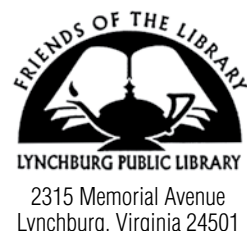
Home of the Brave presents a beautifully wrought novel about an immigrant's journey from hardship to hope. This book earned a starred review from *School Library Journal* which commented "Moving... Kek is both a representative of all immigrants and a character in his own right."

My Name is Sangoel tells the story of a young Sudanese immigrant who develops a unique and creative solution to help people remember how to pronounce his name. This poignant story of identity and belonging will help young readers understand the plight of the millions of children in the world who are refugees.

E.C. Glass coach Amy Coutee and her student athletes will read *My Name is Sangoel* to elementary school students. Additional activities are being planned for the spring.

Spring Book Luncheon @ the Aviary

Celebrating the publication of *Once Upon a Time...a Cemetery Story*, the story of the Old City Cemetery, the Friends announce their first Spring Book Luncheon. Please join us on Tuesday, March 23, for lunch and a talk by author Jane Baber White, *gardener and visionary extraordinaire*. Place and Time: the Aviary in Miller Park at noon. Cost: \$25.00 with checks made payable to The Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library (\$ 10.00 tax deductible). Call the library, 455-6330, to place your reservation. RSVP by March 10th to ensure a spot. Bring a friend!



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Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

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Hours Change & Holiday Schedule @ the Main Library

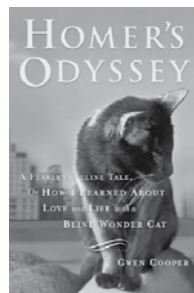


Beginning December 1, the main library will close at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Over the past six months staff has noticed a distinct change in user habits on these two evenings. Between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. there is steady activity as users stop in on their way home from work. But once home, they are not coming out again. Virtually no one comes in between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. Between six and seven employees are on duty when the library is open. Shifting these 13 man hours to busier times is a much more efficient use of limited staff resources. This is the first change in scheduled hours in 35 years.

The Main Library will be closed Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26 and Friday, January 1 through Sunday, January 3, and will close at 5:30 p.m. on December 31, New Year's Eve.

Homer's Odyssey – a Book for Cat lovers @ Your Library

A couple of months ago, Ellen Morgan, Youth Services Librarian and fellow cat lover, told me about a book she had “zipped through” over the weekend. The title, *Homer's Odyssey: a fearless feline tale, or how I learned about love and life with a blind wonder cat* by Gwen Cooper. Hearing her quick description – a true story about a cat blind from birth, living in NYC on 9/11 and still alive at the end of the book, I checked it out immediately. It



is a wonderful, inspirational story and anyone who is familiar with the antics of cats will be amazed and delighted. If you're looking for a good holiday read or a gift for the cat lover on your list, I highly recommend *Homer's Odyssey*. Ona Turner Dowdy, Circulation Supervisor and owned by 8 cats



2010 Children's Storytimes

Registration will begin on Monday, January 11 and must be done in person. Storytimes begin on Monday, January 25. Please call Youth Services at 455-6320 for more information or check our Website at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary for youth activities.

Don't sweat the fines if we have inclement weather. When Lynchburg City Schools are closed due to the weather, the library does not charge fines. The library makes every attempt to maintain regular hours, but weather conditions may warrant opening later or closing earlier. **Please call 434-455-6300 and Press 1 for information concerning library hours.** Any time it is necessary to alter library hours, fines are waived for the day. The exterior book drops are always open when we are closed, so you can always return materials. Also, if you have Internet access, you may renew materials online, as long as they haven't already been renewed and are not requested by another patron. Materials renew for one week. Videos and DVDs are not renewable. Go the library's web page at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary and click on “Library Catalog.” Have your library card number handy.

Have a safe winter, and remember, spring arrives on March 20!



Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meetings

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Tuesday, January 12

4:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

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Valentine Craft Workshop

Will be held for children of all ages on Saturday, February 13. Drop in between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Please call Youth Services at 455-6320 for more information or check our Website at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary for youth activities.



Library Receives Donation for Breast Cancer Materials

On October 22, Frank Poynter, a Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation board member, presented a check for \$200.00 to the library. The funds are being used to purchase books and DVDs to educate the public about breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the US during 2009; about 1,910 new cases are expected in men. Excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women.

Please check out the following materials which were added thanks to the VBCF donation. You can visit VBCF online at www.vbcf.org

Books

100 Questions and Answers about Advanced and Metastatic Breast Cancer – Lillie Shockney

The Adventures of Cancer Bitch – S.L. Wisenberg

Be a Survivor: Your Guide to Breast Cancer Treatment – Vladimir Lange

Breast Cancer – Christobel M. Saunders

The Everything Health Guide to Living with Breast Cancer – Lucia Giuggio Carvalho

Life on the Refrigerator Door: Notes between a Mother and Daughter, a novel – Alice Kuipers

Living Well Beyond Breast Cancer: A Survivor's Guide for When Treatment Ends and the Rest of Your Life Begins – Marisa C. Weiss

Positive Results: Making the Best Decisions When You're at High Risk for Breast or Ovarian Cancer – Jodi L. Morris

Stand by Her: A Breast Cancer Guide for Men – John W. Anderson

Treat Her Like a Princess: How to Help Your Girlfriend with Breast Cancer – Denise Hazen

What Helped Get Me Through: Cancer Survivors Share Wisdom and Hope – Julie K. Silver

DVDs

In the Family

Stott Pilates: Pilates for Breast Cancer Rehab

MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS

Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM
Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-8:00 PM

Downtown Branch

Mon.- Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

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Thurs.-Sun., Dec. 24-27
Christmas Holiday

Friday - Sunday,
January 1-3
New Year's Holiday

Mon., January 18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mon., February 15
President's Day

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